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Butler's Service to the "Telegraph."

London, Dec. 30.

A CHILDREN'S TREAT.
Christmas Tree on City Service
Ground.
While many of us have been

as to whether our taipans will give us any increase or bonus this Christmas and have been for the purpose consulting Chinese astrologers and fortune-tellers.

over a hundred children have been rotating the calendar in order to enjoy on Boxing Day the entertainment which is annually provided by the museum.

bars of the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club to the children of the members. Yesterday's was the fifteenth annual

with the fifteen years

King Sol appeared in all his
brilliance and, but for the fact
that His Majesty joined his
nose too prominently, the day was
an ideal one and the way the
little girls and boys entered into
the fun and frolic made the
writer yearn to live his childish
days again.

The Christmas Tree on the ground with the 113 p's on hung up by Father Christmas was the procure of little eyes and in vindictive their mothers tell them that it was rude to stare hard at it. Messrs. R. B. Wood and Aslett (see above) and H. Strange (see Charlie Shaplin) were responsible to a great extent for all the merriment, the innocent ripple and the boisterous laugh of the

... of little eyes and in
... their mouth ...

After the little ones and the big ones had partaken of the

umptuous tea that was provided on the lawn, Mrs. Chatham distributed the prizes to the winners of tennis and bowls championships. Mr. B. W. Bradbury, is

may be mentioned, won the tennis championship last year as well, and Mr. F. Bacon has posted his bowls championships record. The following received their prizes from the hands of Mr. Chapman:

Tennis Championship:—B. W. Adbury, winner; D. M. Goodall, runner-up.

otoria. Cup (bowls):—R,

Pathe Cup (bowls):—R. Watt,
Fouldes, runner-up.
Blake Cup (bowls):—J. Foul-
des, R. Dawson and B. W.

Club Handicap (bowls):—R. Quonan; J. Carr, runner up.

Christmas Tree being steadily
rid of its load.

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due great thanks for their
fatigable efforts in organizing
entertainment and making it

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scoured suitable selections of
music during the afternoon.
His Excellency the Officer
ministering the Government

arrived before the proceedings
ended and after three cheers for
an Excellency the Hon. Mr.
J. H. Chatham (the President of
the Club) and Mrs. Chatham a

...day in the life of our
...was brought on...

Mrs. Chatham was the recipient of a nice bouquet after the termination of the proceedings.

DON'T FORGET.

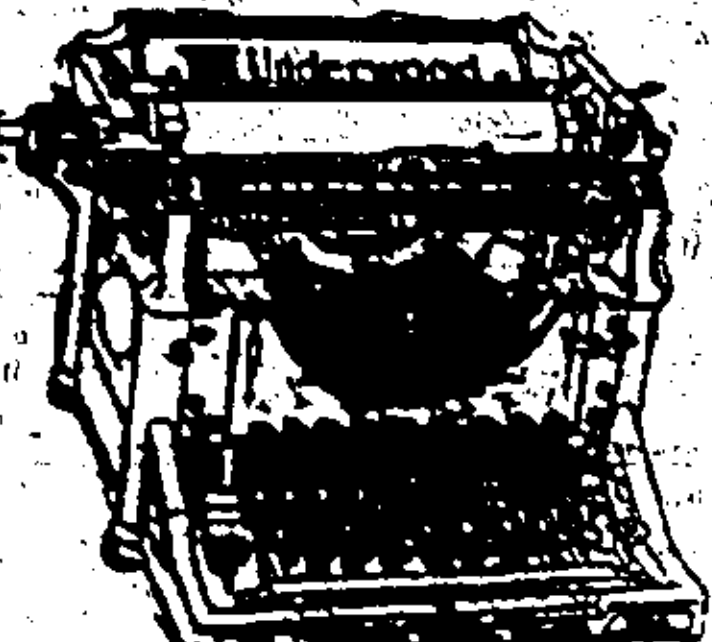
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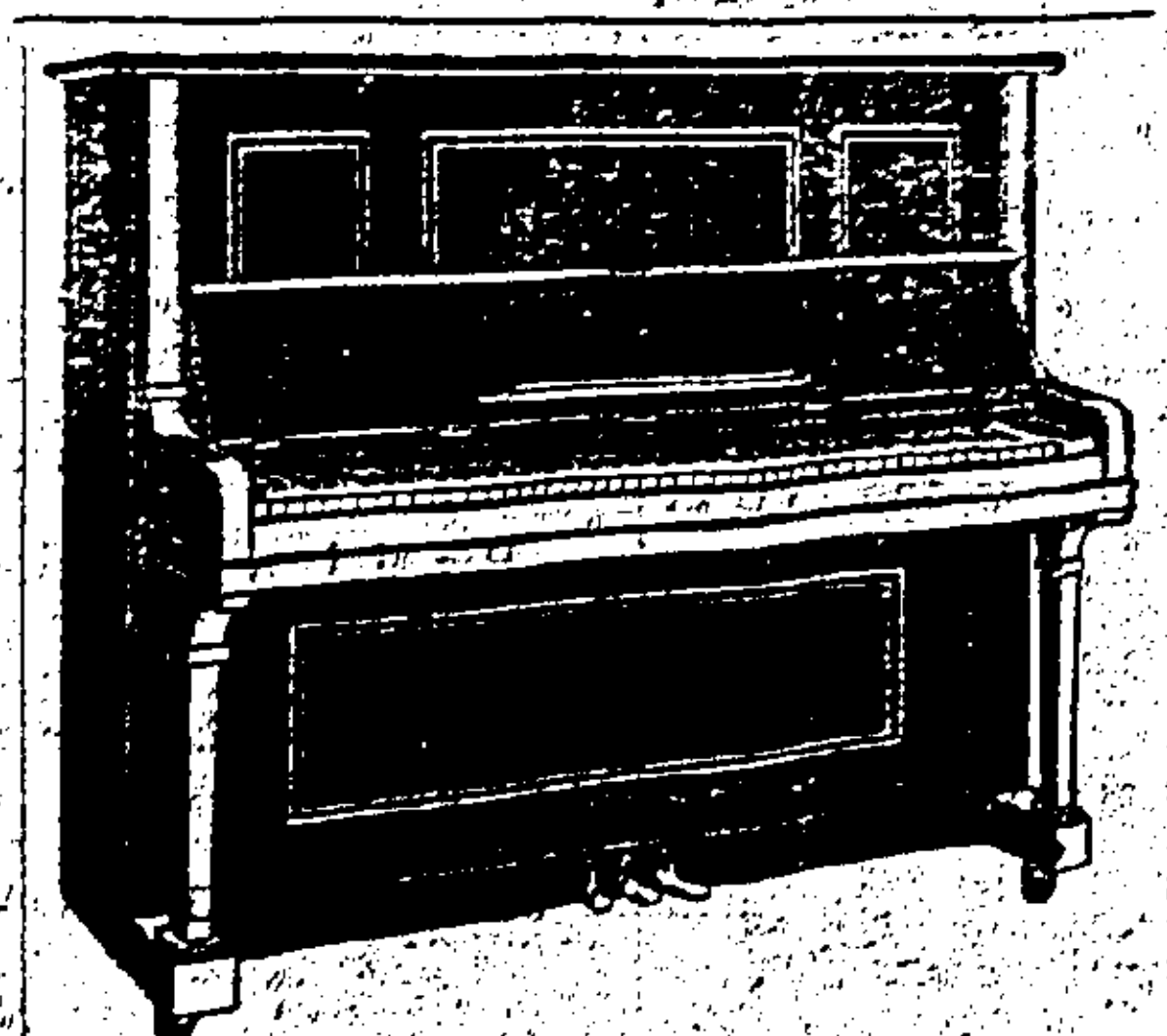
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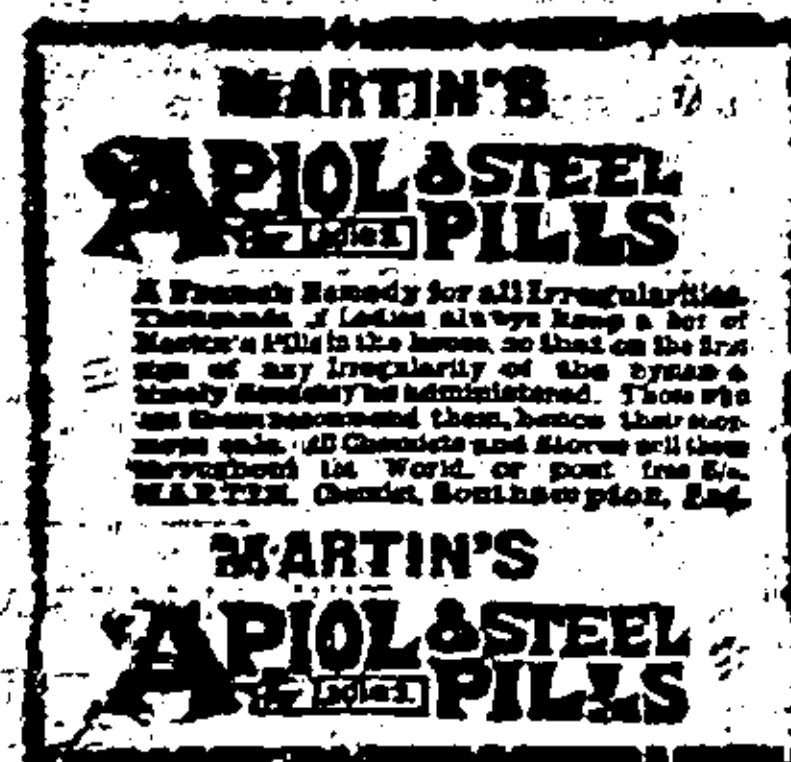
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South Africa's Industries.

Mr. Malan, Minister for Mines, states that the advisory committee has been instructed to draft a customs tariff, enabling South African industries to keep their heads above water and to prevent dumping. He declared that previous tariffs had been framed solely for revenue.

Stimulating Industrial Art.

It is announced that a British Institute of Industrial Art is to be established with the object of raising the standard of design and workmanship, and of stimulating the demand for works which reach a high standard of excellence. Incorporated under the joint auspices of the Board of Trade and the Board of Education, the scheme has the support of many art societies as well as organizations connected with manufacture and commerce. There will be a permanent exhibition in London of modern British works of artistic craftsmanship and manufacture, with a selling agency attached.

Aerodrome Refuges for Incompetents?

Astonishing details of the way in which money is declared to be wasted in aerodrome work were given at a recent meeting of Epping Rural Council. The Ouse Council, who have also taken the matter up, sent a copy of a letter they have sent to the authorities, and they asked Epping Council to support them. In this letter it was alleged that the most incompetent and lazy man could apply at the aerodrome and be given employment at from 25 to 40 weeks. Here he could continue in idleness because he had little or nothing to do. Mr. E. O. Lyall, a member of the Epping Council, said he had inquired into the matter, and had discovered a scandalous state of affairs. He had heard of a boy of 15 who was engaged at 25 a week. One day his work was to sweep up a hall with another boy. When they had finished the foreman kicked the heap of dust about and told them to work again, as they had done the work too quickly. A man admitted that a day's work consisted of carrying a ladder from one place to another, while he also stated that it had taken a large number of men, sometimes as many as 40 being employed on the work at the same time, since February to dig a short piece of ditch. It was decided to demand an immediate inquiry.

Bogus Officers.

A strange story of a Belgian woman's adventure in a West-end flat was told at Marborough-street recently. Two women, soldiers' wives, were charged with being concerned with three men, not in custody, in robbing Mrs. Dobbeliteyn of £100. The women, Christine Gibbs and Winifred Pusey, occupy flats in Great Portland-street. The story of the alleged robbery, as told by the woman Dobbeliteyn, was that she lent Pusey £30, and was promised £10 interest. On October 4, at 1 o'clock in the morning, she went by invitation, to Gibbs's flat. While there three men, who said they were detectives, entered, and one of them took from her pocket two IOUs, and £100 nearly all in notes. The man told her she would get the money back at the police station. Mrs. Pusey was in the room all the time, but Mrs. Gibbs was in another room, and when she (Dobbeliteyn) entered it she noticed that Gibbs's hands were fastened with cord and that there was something in her mouth. Detective Sergeant Horwell read a statement made by Pusey at the police station. It was to the effect that they had no idea of stealing, but only wanted to get their IOUs back. She owed Dobbeliteyn about £50 and Gibbs about £20. Dobbeliteyn had threatened to tell their husbands, so they decided to steal the IOUs. Gibbs, of a flick, a hand introduced them to a man, who said he was a "pook," and two other men came in. They told her the IOUs were not there, where any of the three

GENERAL NEWS.

More Gold Wanted.

A committee has been appointed to consider and report on the effect of the war on the gold production of the British Empire, with reference more particularly to the treatment of low grade ores and how far it may be of importance to national interests to secure the continuance of the treatment of such ores and generally how to stimulate the production of gold. The committee will comprise Lord Inchcape (chairman), Sir Thomas Elliott, Sir Charles Addis, and Mr. W. H. N. Goschen. Commemorations should be addressed to the Secretary, Gold Production Committee, Treasury, Whitehall.

A Temple of Fame.

To commemorate the services of the Lancashire regiments in the war it is proposed to build a "Temple of Fame" in Manchester. This would be the central portion of the City Art Gallery which the Corporation intend to build. The scheme, as approved by the Art Gallery Committee, is that names of all Lancashire regiments should form a part of the decorative work, and that some of the colours should rest there. A collection of war trophies would be included. On the walls there would be frescoes depicting some of the outstanding war incidents with which local regiments are specially associated. The last stand of the Manchester at Manchester Hill, the gallantry of the Lancashire Fusiliers at Thiepval, Territorial at Gallipoli, and "Lancashire Landing" by Lancashire Fusiliers on Gallipoli Peninsula, when the Victoria Cross was won by three men—have been mentioned as subjects which might be included.

Atlantic Air Post.

"Our overseas commerce will be vastly improved by aviation. Within a reasonable period of the end of the war we shall find all the principal mail liners fitted with seaplanes." This is the view of Mr. D. H. Bernard, expressed in the current *Merchant Service Review*, of which he is a co-editor. "A liner leaving New York with urgent and important letters will be able," he writes, "to discharge them by seaplane, 300 to 400 miles west of the Irish coast; within a few hours they can be delivered in London, thus effecting a saving in time of 24 hours." The same procedure can be carried out by a vessel bound to New York, its cargo within the bounds of possibility that letters posted in London can be delivered in New York within four days." At the outset, Mr. Bernard thinks this service will, no doubt, be subsidised by the Governments of both countries. He points out that it could be developed on routes to all parts of the world.

American and Chinese Soldiers Fraternise.

A pleasing incident in connection with the Chinese and Allied review of troops at Peking last Thursday has just been related. Perhaps for the first time in history, Chinese troops partook of foreign troops' hospitality on Thursday morning when by invitation some 300 Chinese soldiers breakfasted in the mess of the American Legation Guard. The Chinese were so delighted at the hospitality extended to them that they lost no time in reciprocating and next day there arrived at the American Legation Guard barracks two chickens for each American and European Allied soldier and fifteen cows, sufficient to provide them with meat for a good meal. It will be noted that the Chinese did not limit their gifts to the American hosts. The latter undertook the distribution. By some mistake the three long Chinese in the Russian Legation received five "cows" instead of five "chickens". The spirit of all concerned is worthy of praise and it is hoped that it augurs happier relations in the future.

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Burglar's Thanks for Cash.

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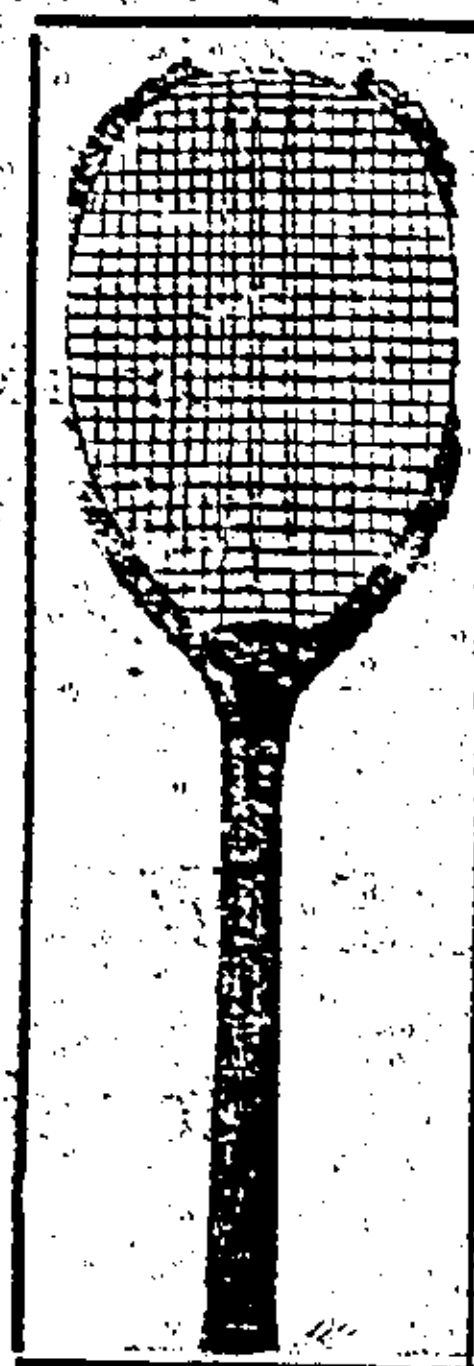
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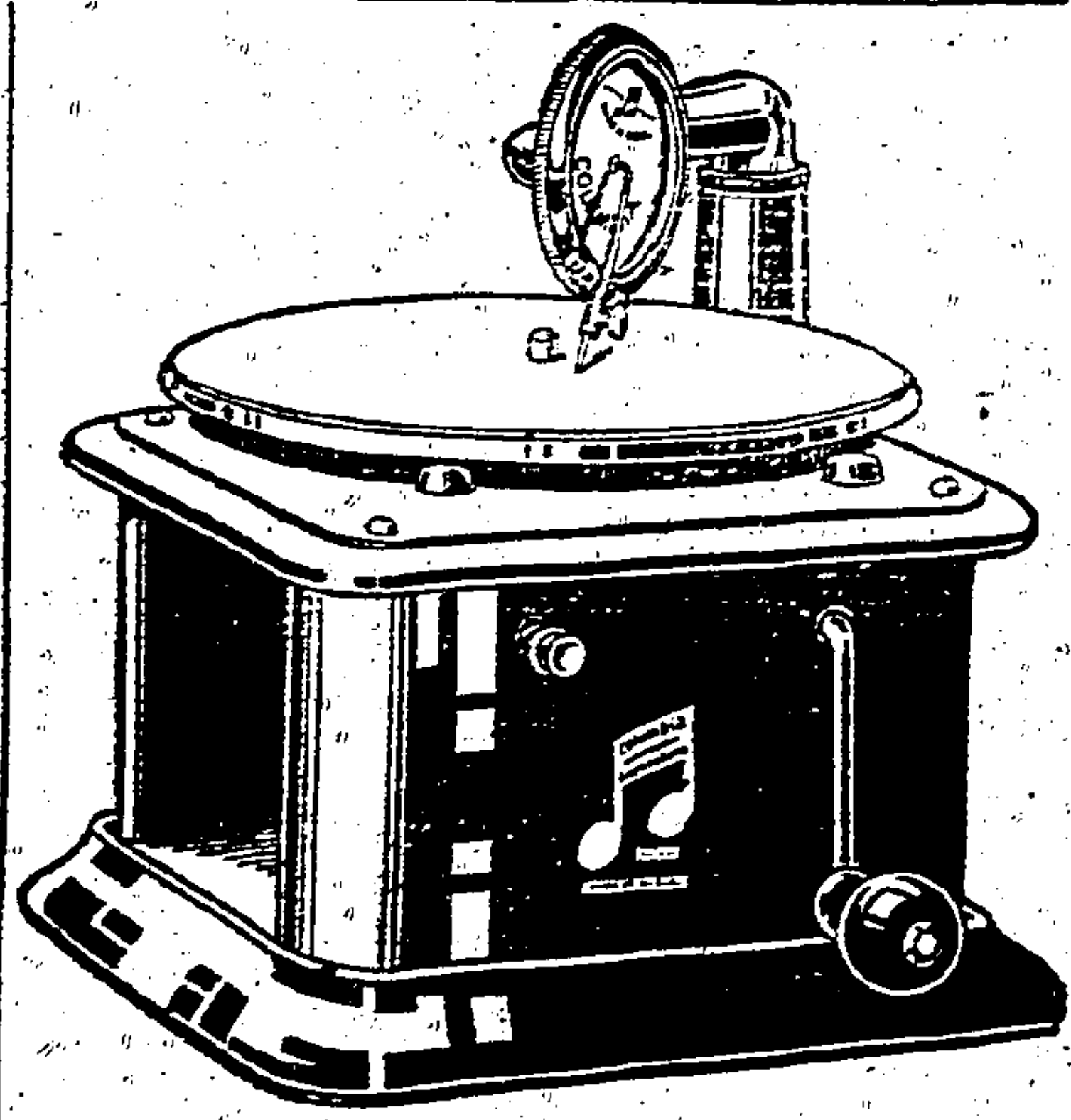
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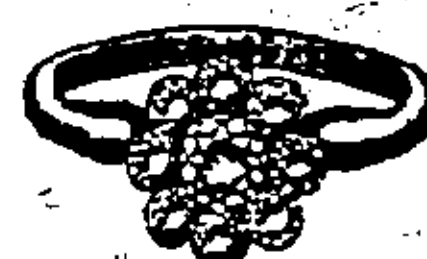
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HAMA		

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	*Tama Maru T. 7,000	MONDAY, 30th Dec.
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Direct Shipments to Mexico.

There have been no direct sailings for Mexico for some time, and it has been necessary to route all cargo for the market via New York. In the present circumstances this method of shipment imposes heavy disabilities upon shippers—to name one alone; it is necessary to take out in the United States both import and export licences, although the goods are merely in transit through the United States port. Urgent representations having been made to the Ministry of Shipping by the British commercial community interested in Mexico, it is hoped that at least one direct sailing to Mexico will be allowed, but in view of the present shortage of tonnage, an assurance that sufficient cargo will be offered to justify such a course is desired. Shippers are therefore requested to advise the Secretary of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce of all cargo that they may have available within the next few weeks for such direct sailing.

Traders With Latin America.

The following letter from the Foreign Trade Department, Bridgewater House, St. James's, S.W. 1, dated 11th October, 1918, has been received by the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce:—"With reference to the supervision of the imports of certain Syrian and other firms in the Plate I am directed by Mr. Balfour to say for the information of the members of your Chamber that his Majesty's Consul-General at Buenos Ayres when legalising the importers' guarantees gives to each separate importer in the Argentine a serial number which thereafter corresponds to that importer's firm. In order to facilitate the work of supervision it has now been decided that all goods shipped from this country coming under these regulations shall be stamped with the serial number corresponding to the consignee's name. The number must be stamped in a circle three inches in diameter on all textile piece goods, and in the case of sundries or other goods on each box, packet or package."

Indian Shipbuilding Outlook.

"Unfortunately," writes a correspondent in the "Journal of Commerce," "there does not now seem to be much prospect of a substantial increase in India's shipbuilding output—at all events for some time to come. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the responsible authorities here have made, and are making, every effort to induce firms at Karachi, Madras, Bombay, Calcutta, and elsewhere to take up construction work on a large scale, and are being strongly supported by Colonel Macgregor, Controller of the Admiralty Construction Branch in India, who has already made a thorough survey of the situation in all its aspects. All the same, the Indian Government has been compelled to inform the Secretary of State that it has arrived at the conclusion that local resources under present war conditions cannot economically be turned to account in this direction. The chief troubles would seem to arise out of the provision of skilled labour and materials, which were adequate enough in the days when ships were built of wood, many of them being for the old East India Company. The cost of transportation to steel would, it is urged, be much too costly under the circumstances, and particularly considering that peace may not now be long delayed. Of late however, many barges and small craft have been built in India of wood for employment in the Persian Gulf, as well as in the Tigris and Euphrates."

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Mon. 23	5.15	4.15	Wed. 25	5.15	4.15
Tue. 24	5.15	4.15	Thurs. 26	5.15	4.15
Wed. 25	5.15	4.15	Fri. 27	5.15	4.15
Thurs. 26	5.15	4.15	Sat. 28	5.15	4.15
Fri. 27	5.15	4.15	Sun. 29	5.15	4.15

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1918.

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and is due here on the 27th instant at
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telegram from the San Francisco Office
to effect that the S.S. CHINA arrived at
that port on December 17th.The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a
telegram from the Yokohama office
advising that the S.S. MANIKU arrived
from that port for Hongkong on Dec. 26,
via Shanghai and Manila.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

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SPAIN'S PREMIER.

Confers With President Wilson.

Paris, December 21.
Count Romanones has conferred with President Wilson.

Views on Peace Questions.

Paris, December 21.
Count Romanones, interviewed by the *Matin*, said that Spain
being practically an island the "Freedom of the Seas" is a condition
of her existence. It is, therefore, vitally of importance that she
should attend the Peace Conference.

A Convenient Visit.

Paris, December 23.
The visit to Paris of Count Romanones is recognised as ex-
tremely convenient to Spain, who was guilty during the war and
must ask pardon for her faults. Count Romanones left Paris yes-
terday morning by motor car for Rheims and Chateau Thierry.
When returning to Paris, he said no Spaniard seeing Rheims could
be Pro-German.---Havas.

Political Future of Mediterranean.

Paris, December 22.
Count Romanones was entertained at luncheon yesterday by
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The object of the visit is to
signify that Spain is now expecting political welfare from the
Entente, and her desire for a participation in the Peace Conference
inasmuch as Spain is interested in the political future of the
Mediterranean and the solution of the Moroccan problem by a
genuine and lasting Franco-Spanish agreement.---Havas.

YACHT RACING.

America Declines Lipton's Challenge.

New York, December 20.
The Yacht Club has declined Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge
for the America Cup for 1919, but will accept it if it is renewed
in 1920.In its letter declining the challenge, the Yacht Club says it
considers the war circumstances render the present time inappro-
priate for such a purely sporting event.

WILL BRITAIN GIVE UP GIBRALTAR?

Important Negotiations with Spain.

Paris, December 21.
The well known writer, M. Pertinax, in the *Echo de Paris*,
comments on the discussions at present proceeding between Spain
and France, in which Great Britain is also concerned as guarantor
of the Franco-Spanish Agreements regarding Morocco and as
guardian of Gibraltar. He asserts that the British and French
Cabinets are engaged in taking away from Egyptian and Moroccan
institutions all elements of the international regime, which perhaps
indicates the direction being followed. He believes that there can
solely be a question of an exchange of equivalent advantages. He
refers to certain English reports that Great Britain is considering
the abandonment of Gibraltar owing to the range of modern guns
whereby it largely loses its strategic value. This would heal the
Spanish wound and Great Britain might be compensated with
Cuba or some other point on the Moroccan Coast and also pecuniary
compensation which would enable her to continue her role in the
Mediterranean, but this is only one of the terms of a settlement
designed to cover a very much wider field.

BRITISH NAVY TO VISIT AMERICA.

Preliminary Review in British Waters.

London, December 21.
Although there has been no official announcement on the
matter, it is regarded as certain that a powerful British fleet,
comprising the latest types of heavy ships and other units, will
visit America. The American Admirals, whose ships formed part
of the British Sixth Battle Squadron, are so impressed by Great
Britain's naval might that they are extremely anxious that the
American people should see it for themselves before it leaves
for America.However, there will be a great review in British waters of the
British Naval forces that have fought in the war.The report that the British fleet will subsequently visit the
British Dominions is generally believed. If such a tour is
undertaken, it is probable that the Fifth Battle Squadron, composed
of the Royal Sovereigns and the latest battleships and also the Fifth
Battle Squadron consisting of ships of the Queen Elizabeth class,
will participate.

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CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"VAN WAERWILCK"

having arrived from the above
ports, Consignees of cargo by
her are hereby informed that all
goods are being landed at their
risk into the hazardous and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., whence
and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.Goods not cleared by the 29th
December, 1918, at noon will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged packages are to be left in
the Godowns where they will be
examined. Claims against the
steamer must be presented with-
in 10 days of arrival otherwise
they will not be recognized.No Fire Insurance will be
effected by us in any case what-
ever.Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed byJARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20 Dec. 1918.

CONSIGNEES

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

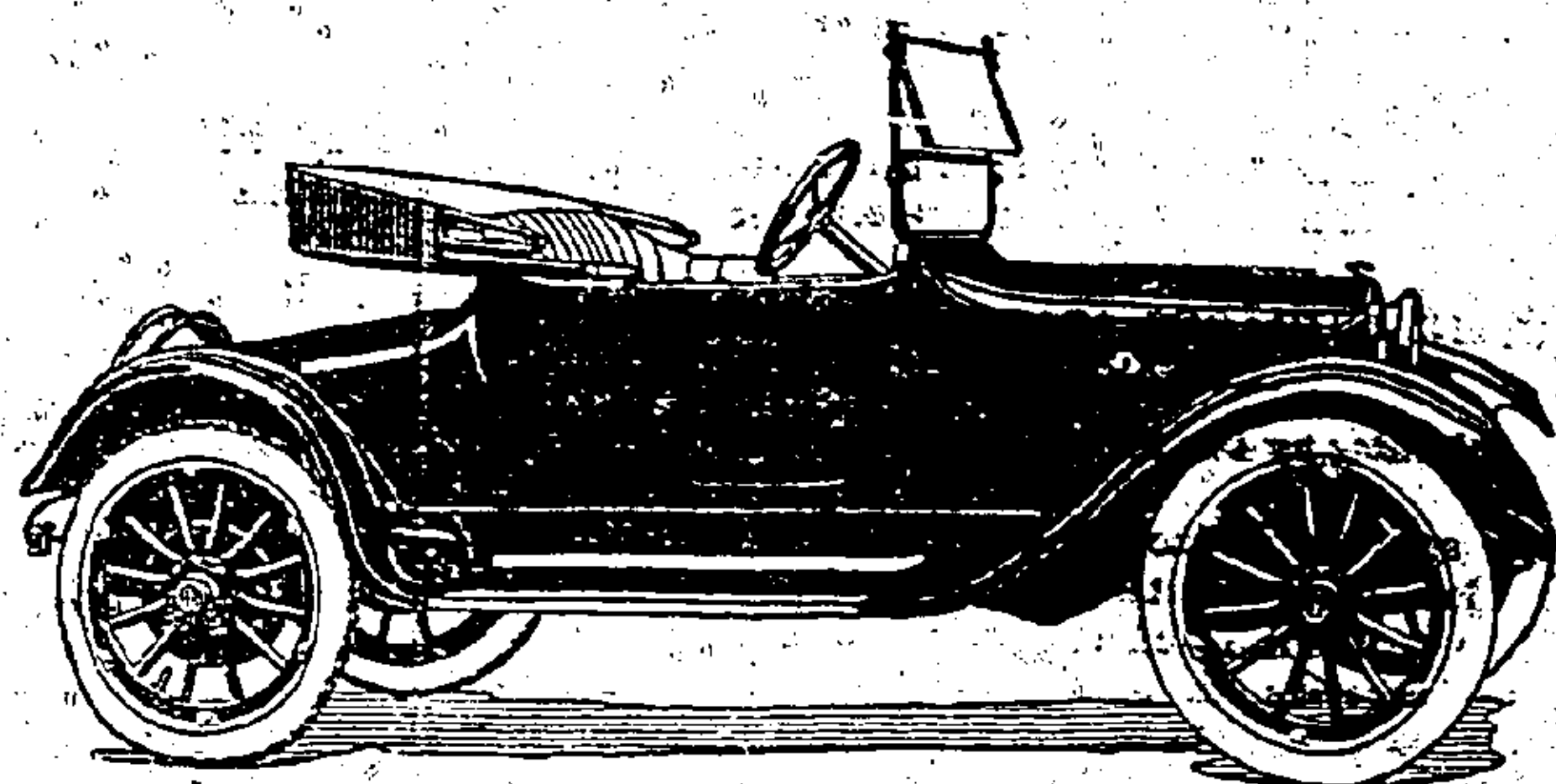
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after the Goods have left the Go-
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undelivered after the 30th
inst. will be subject to rent.All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 6th
January, 1919, or they will not
be recognized.All broken, chafed and dam-
aged Goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 30th inst. at
11 a.m.No Fire Insurance has been
effected.Bills of Lading will be counter-
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1918.

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No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	100'	20'	10'	10'
No. 4 Dock, Kowloon	100'	20'	10'	10'
No. 5 Dock, Kowloon	100'	20'	10'	10'
No. 6 Dock, Kowloon	100'	20'	10'	10'
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THE CORONET CINEMA.

Magnificent Film Screened.

The Coronet (the rejuvenated
bijou theatre) opened its new
show on Christmas Eve before a
large house. The place look-
ed splendid in its new grab. It is
airy and spacious, and the seats
are extremely comfortable. In-
stead of the old stage, a new
stage has been erected in the
middle of the theatre. The stage
is a magnificent affair, and the
stage is a magnificent affair, and
the stage is a magnificent affair.No finer film could have in-
augurated the public opening of
the Coronet than "The Great
Comet" which is being shown
here. It is a magnificent film
and is being shown here. It is
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KONG PUBLIC AND HAS BEEN

produced with great attention
to "atmosphere" and detail
which mark the master craftsman.
It is a magnificent theatrical
production of modern times in
ten parts, being a "Peter
Pan" of the film. Over
a thousand children took part in
this production and an entire city
with hundreds of houses inside
was built for it.If the management continue
to show pictures of this
class, "atmosphere" and
adventive and show clear on
a grand feature for the Coronet
there is a big demand for Hong-
kong for films, upholding pictures
and more cinema houses that are
prepared to specialise in this are
certain to have full houses every
time. "The Great Comet" and
"The Great Comet" is being
continued until Monday
night. No one should miss being
in the Coronet.

POLICE RESERVE

ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. T. C.
Jackson, C. S. E., state:--

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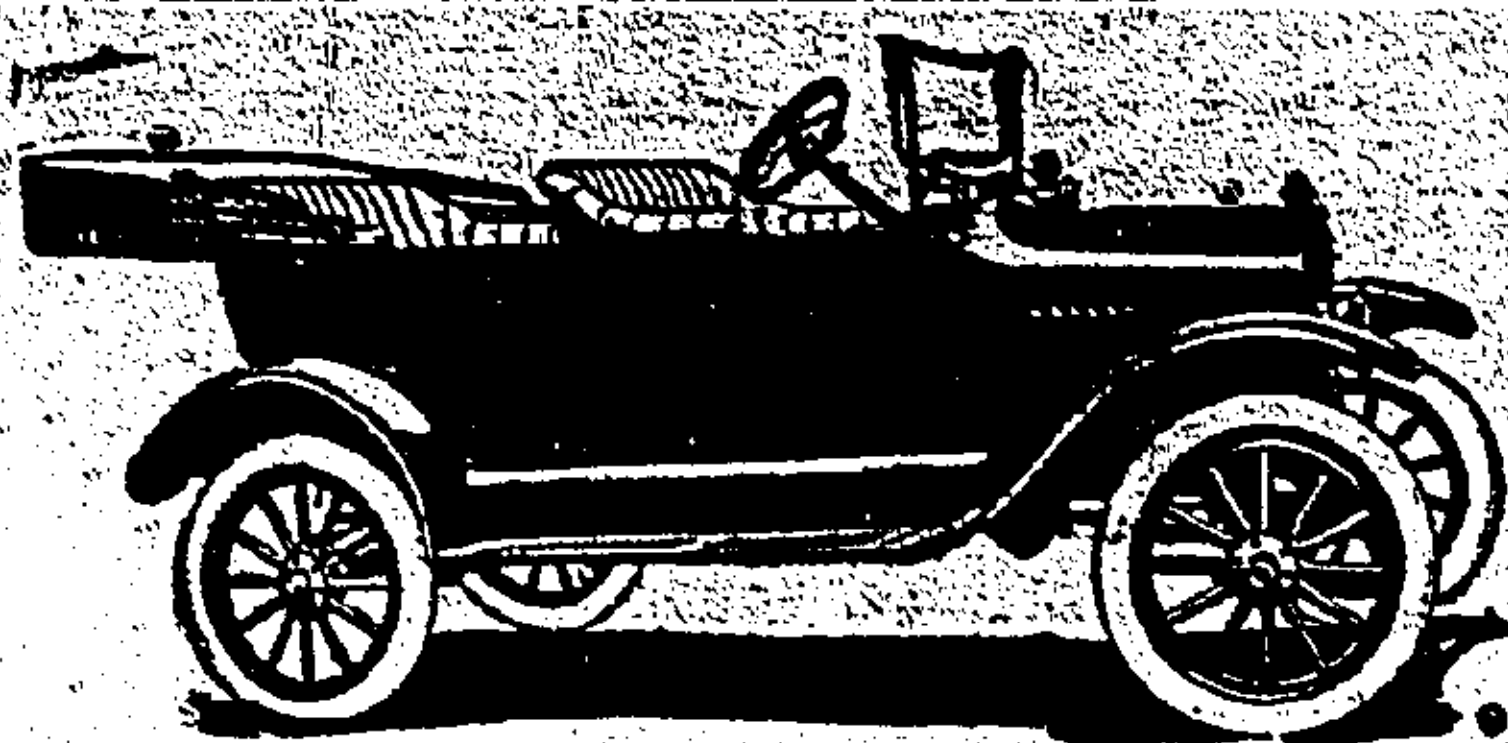
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Method of Procedure Outlined.

Paris, December 23.
The *Matin* gives information concerning the manner in which the promoters of the Society of Nations will proceed. Firstly, the Allied Governments will state the fundamental rule that peoples have a right to dispose of themselves; consequently the limitation of armaments must be by compulsory arbitration. Secondly, the enemy Powers will be ordered to accept fundamental principles and then details of the Peace Treaty will be discussed. Thirdly, a universal Conference will decide relations between the peoples, neutral Powers being able to present Germany's admission will only be discussed after the total punishment indemnities have been paid.

Suggested Postponement Until After Peace.

Washington, December 21.
Mr. Lodge, the Republican leader, addressing the Senate, advocated a postponement of the League of Nations until after peace declaring that it should be considered separately later.

BOLSHEVIK OUTRAGES AGAINST FRENCHMEN.

Warning by the French Government.

Paris, December 21.
The *Matin* says the French Government has sent a wireless message to the Bolshevists that they will be held personally responsible for every outrage committed against Frenchmen, and also that the number of Bolshevists on board a vessel about to depart to Russia will not be permitted to depart, but be interned, unless Frenchmen in Russia are immediately liberated.

ENFORCING THE ARMISTICE TERMS.

Paris, December 23.
A Note issued in Paris yesterday states that a French Naval Division of five ships, including the armoured cruiser *Montcalm*, is on its way to the Baltic, the object of the visit being to see that the conditions of the Armistice are carried out and to make sure of the repatriation of prisoners.—*Havas*.

NO CHRISTMAS REVELS IN FRANCE.

Paris, December 23.
It is officially announced that the traditional Christmas Eve revels will not be allowed, when the Army is not demobilised. Public sentiment is against public rejoicings and refreshment places are closed as usual.—*Havas*.

AERIAL FLIGHT TO THE EAST.

London, December 23.
The Press Bureau states that the Handley-Page aeroplane en route to the East has reached Egypt. Owing to the weather, the machine flew via Sicily and Malta and stopped for a night on each of the islands.

ESSEN MINES STORMED BY CROWDS.

Amsterdam, December 21.
The strike at the mines near Essen led to severe riots. A crowd arrested the Soviet. Others stormed the mines, but were driven off by machine-guns.

RUMANIAN REFORMS.

London, December 18 (delayed).
Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says the Premier, M. Bratianu, is submitting the policy of the new Government, promised universal suffrage, the breaking up of large estates and their distribution among the peasants.

BELGIANS IN GERMANY.

London, December 23.
A Belgian communique states:—The First Cavalry Brigade entered Germany and has reached Dalsdorf.

BOHEMIA FOR CZECHS.

Amsterdam, December 18 (delayed).
A message from Prague says Dr. Kramariz, Premier of the Czechoslovak Republic, replying to a German deputation, said the Entente had allotted entire Bohemia to the Czechoslovak State. The ideal of self-determination belonged to the future and would not apply to Bohemia.

1915 AND 1914 STAR FOR FORCES AND NURSES.

London, December 23.
The Admiralty announces that His Majesty the King approves the award of the 1914 and 1915 Star in bronze for officers and men of the Navy, including the Dominion forces, pilots, observers, men of the Naval Air Service, the Mercantile Marine, officers and men serving under special naval engagements, canteen staffs who served on board warships at sea, all in respect of operations in France, Belgium, Eastern Europe, including Gallipoli, Egypt, Africa, Asia, the Australasian theatre, including German New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Newra and German Samoa.

London, December 22.
The War Office says His Majesty the King has approved of the award of the 1914 and 1915 star for the Army similar to the Navy (already awarded), including the Dominion and Indian forces and 13 nurses.

GERMANY'S CONTRITE HEART.

380 Million Francs Restored to Belgium.
Brussels, November 21.
Germany has restored 380,000,000 francs to the Belgian Government.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA'S GREATEST CATASTROPHE.

Allied Intervention Imperative.

Rome, December 20.
M. Milamoff, the ex-Russian Foreign Minister, in an interview, declared that Russia was threatened with the most appalling catastrophe in history. Allied intervention was absolutely imperative. A small effort would have saved Russia a year ago, but to-day a strong Army is required. Allied Labour and Socialist opposition to the intervention was due to an erroneous belief that Bolshevism was Socialism. Bolshevism was not economic progress but a terrible set-back. Ninety-nine per cent. of the population in Russia, including the Moderate Socialists, favoured Allied intervention.

POLISH TROOPS AT DANZIG.

Copenhagen, December 20.
A message from Berlin says that 50,000 Polish troops under General Haller have landed at Danzig. Presumably, this refers to the Polish Army organised in France.

London, December 21.
Reuter's Agency is informed from Polish official quarters that yesterday's cabled report emanating from Berlin regarding the landing of Poles at Danzig and Tarnobrzeg is untrue. It is merely to be regarded as another example of German propaganda.

ROYAL MESSAGE TO THE FORCES.

London, December 24.
His Majesty the King has sent the following message to the Forces:—
"Another Christmas has come round. We are no longer fighting. God has blessed our efforts. Their Majesties specially greet the disabled, sick and wounded and hope they will be cheered with the vision of the good days of peace for which they sacrificed so much."

BOLSHEVIK LITERATURE FOR SWEDISH CONSUMPTION.

Stockholm, December 21.
The Finnish authorities at Helsingfors have arrested five Russian carriers, whose luggage contained Bolshevist literature intended for distribution in Sweden.

REPATRIATION OF WAR PRISONERS AND CIVILIANS.

Over Ten Thousand Since Armistice.
London, December 23.
The Press Bureau states that since the Armistice 5,288 officers, 99,247 men and 4,201 civilians have been repatriated. A special committee has been appointed to advise further steps to trace missing men.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service).

Shanghai, December 26.—The Allied Powers will hand in a second Note upon the peace delegates' departure for Nanking in order to hasten the opening of the Conference.
The Government has decided that the peace delegates shall have full power to settle matters relating to military affairs, local reorganisation, and financial adjustment, but questions concerning the constitution of Parliament and the appointment of high officials must be referred to the Central Government before settlement.

The President submits proposals to the General Staff recommending reducing the whole country's soldiery to 50 Divisions, abolishing the Taichang system and dividing the country into nine military districts.
The following are the scores:—
Commandant's Competition.
No. 8 Platoon ... 408 1st.
No. 5 ... 371 2nd.
No. 4 ... 370 3rd.
Blade Shield.
"B" Coy. ... 544.
"A" Coy. ... 512.
Engineer Coy. ... 448.
Squadding cards have been sent out for the Open Blade Event to be held for on Saturday. Firing for the Title Competition (later Company) will commence about 3 p.m. on Saturday.
Competitors in the Classification are reminded that firing will commence at 8 a.m. on Sunday, 29th inst. Teams for the Francis Cup should be ready to fire at 11 a.m. and firing for the Francis Cup will commence immediately after the Francis Cup.

FOOTBALL SHIELD.

The Boxing Day Matches.
Navy, B; H.G.A., 1.
Kowloon, 1; Hongkong Club, 4.
South China, 0; St. Joseph's College, 0.
Our reports of the matches are held over until to-morrow.

Prominent Chinese Assassinated.
A telegram received from Shanghai to-day states that Fook Wing, a director of the China Mail S.S. Co., has been assassinated in San Francisco. The assassin is still at large.

Suicide by Hanging.
A Chinese, aged 27, evidently a mendicant, was found by the Police hanging by the neck from the branch of a tree in Stanley Road. His body was removed to the Mortuary.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

First Day of Defence Corps Meeting.

The Defence Corps Rifle Meeting opened yesterday. The Commandant's Competition was fired for in the morning, No. 8 Platoon being first, No. 5 Platoon second and No. 4 Platoon third.

Later—8.30 a.m.—Surely these presents from overseas or even from Hongkong could be looked at, occupying probably one hour with the assistance available of the Chinese staff, and sorted ready for collection, to bring some expected cheer from home at this season. It does seem too much of a farce to let five sacks of parcels remain untouched until to-morrow.

What have those in charge to say of the matter?

SHAMEEN NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shameen, December 25.—The children's party took place yesterday afternoon. Father Xmas arrived quite mysteriously, much to the surprise and enjoyment of the little ones as well as the grown-ups present. Tea was served and a general distribution of toys in great variety caused untold joy to many wee hearts.

The Chinese Maritime Customs held a reception last evening at the Customs Club, Honam, to the European staff. A good spread was given and an impromptu concert followed which concluded with a dance, over seventy members and ladies being entertained.

An interesting and keenly contested billiard competition has been running at the Customs Club, Canton. The final was decided between two well known members, Mr. D. Urquhart and Mr. B. J. O. Hicks. An exciting match, in which Mr. Hicks got away, witnessed Mr. Urquhart overhaul his opponent in the good style which he is capable of, and win.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

SHAMEEN XMAS MAIL.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—Christmas comes but once a year and when it does, oh dear, oh dear.

Christmas Morning.—Parcel Mail despatched from Hongkong arrived, with the letter mail. The letters were sorted and collected by the various messengers sent by residents. But what about the Parcels?

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What have those in charge to say of the matter?

Yours etc.,

EXPECTANTS.

Shameen, Dec. 25, 1918.

FOOTBALL.

Hongkong F.C. v. Royal Engineers.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their game with Royal Engineers on Saturday, the 28th inst. at 4 p.m. on the Club ground:—W. Hamilton; F. W. Black and J. McQuibbin; T. B. Chassels, J. Stewart and J. D. Carriere; W. Taylor, I. L. Goldenberg, D. Eichelmann, H. McTavish and J. Jennings.

Sad Faces at the Magistracy.

It is a wonder that more Chinese do not wrinkle their faces and make a show at crying, when charged before Mr. O. D. Melbourne. One Chinese keeper of a Chinese Seamen's Institute, prosecuted this morning for accommodating 15 persons more than stipulated in his licence was extremely morose and asked Mr. Melbourne to reduce the fine of \$50 which he inflicted. Mr. Melbourne, sympathetic as he is, could not see his way to be more lenient as the promoter presented his case.

TO-MORROW'S CONCERT.

An Attractive Programme.

A most attractive programme has been arranged for the concert which is to be given at Kingsclere to-morrow afternoon by Madame Zaleska and M. Kirilloff. It is as follows:—

PART I.
1. Ballade gmoll (Chopin), Mme. Zaleska.
2. (a) Aria from the Opera "Tosca" (Tebalkovsky); (b) Aria from the Opera "Neris de Figaro" (Mozart), M. Kirilloff.
3. (a) Nocturne (Chopin); (b) Valse (Chopin); (c) Quatre Polonaises (Chopin-Liszt), Mme. Zaleska.
4. Vocal Duet, Barcarolle, Tales of Hoffman (Offenbach), Mme. Zaleska and M. Kirilloff.
PART II.
5. Il Ragazzo (Liszt), Mme. Zaleska.
6. (a) Virtus Anagnis (Glinka); (b) Valse, "Love's Tormen" (Orosco and Bartolomey), M. Kirilloff.
7. Victory Polonaise (Chopin), Mme. Zaleska.

COMPANY MEETING.

The China Light and Power Co. Ltd.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held in the office of the Company, to-day, at noon, for the purpose of confirming special resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company, held on December 11, 1918.

Mr. E. G. Sweeney presided, and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., and Mr. H.P. White (Consulting Committee) and Messrs T. F. Hoogh and A.H. Compton (Directors), Mr. H.W. Looker (Secretary to the Company), Mr. T. Leaman (Secretary) and Messrs J. F. Campbell, R. Henderson, W. Adamson and A.A. Cordero. The Chairman moved the confirmation of the five resolutions separately, which were seconded by Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H.P. White, Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. T. F. Hoogh and Sir Paul Chater, respectively, and the motions were carried unanimously.

This terminated the business of the meeting.

Death of Mr. C. Fittock.

We see by a Singapore paper that the death has occurred at Royale of Mr. Charles Fittock, a former resident of Singapore, where he was Lloyd's Surveyor for many years. The Singapore Free Press says:—His son Charles died in Hongkong and his daughter married Mr. W. E. Monksdale, who was out here as manager of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Co.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

AFTERNOON CONCERT

AT THE

KINGSCLERE HOTEL

BY

MADAME ZALESKI

AND

MR. KIRILLOV

SATURDAY, 28th December, at 4 P.M.

PRICE OF ADMISSION: 2/6

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.

H. K. & S. Banks \$ 725 ea. 720

MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons sa \$ 405

North China b. \$ 117 1/2

Unions b. \$ 140

Yangtzes b. \$ 205 Ex. 73

Far Easters n. \$ 36

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires b. \$ 158

H. K. Fires b. \$ 140

SHIPPING.

Douglases n. \$ 84

Steamboats a. \$ 2

Indos (Pref.) b. \$ 80

Indos (Def.) b. \$ 104

Shells b. \$ 131 1/2

Ferries n. \$ 34 1/2

REFINERIES.

Sugars b. \$ 91

Malabons n. \$ 88

MINING.

Kailans b. 47 1/2

Langkats n. \$ 2

Raub n. \$ 25

Tranohs b. \$ 30 1/2

Urals n. \$ 39 1/2

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &C.

H. K. Wharves b. \$ 109 1/2

Kowloon Docks b. & sa. \$ 155

Shai Docks b. \$ 135

N. Engineerings b. \$ 24 1/2

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals n. \$ 108

H. K. Hotels n. \$ 90

Land Invest. n. \$ 102

H. P. Hays Est. b. \$ 7.50

K'loon Lands b. \$ 88

West Point n. \$ 72

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos b. \$ 185

Kung Yiks b. \$ 15

Lau Kung Mows n. \$ 124 1/2

Oriental n. \$ 87 1/2

Shai Cottons b. \$ 148

Yangtzepeeps b. \$ 8.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands b. \$ 8.90

Borneos n. \$ 12 1/2

China Light & P. n. \$ 84 1/2

Providents b. \$ 9.00

Dairy Farms n. \$ 24 1/2

H. K. Electric b. & sa. \$ 66

Macao Electric n. \$ 35

Ropes b. \$ 34 1/2

Frams, Low Level b. \$ 7.80

Frams, Peak, old b. \$ 7.00

Frams, Peak, new b. \$ 7.00

Laundries b. \$ 8.50

Steel Foundries n. \$ 18

U. Waterboats n. \$ 12 1/2

Watsons n. \$ 8.50

Wm. Powells b. \$ 9.50

Wiseam's b. \$ 19

Hongkong, December 27, 1918.

Armed Robbery On Junk.

An armed robbery was committed yesterday on a fishing boat in the harbour. A foki while alone in the boat was visited by two men, who boarded the vessel and one of them, who was armed with a chopper, struck him on the head and pushed him into the hold, one of them sitting on his chest. When the foki saw that everything was quiet he uncovered the hatch and realised that the robbers had gone away, with property valued at \$25 and the boat licence. This was practically an unsuccessful haul on the part of the armed dacoits.

FISHI DONG

